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SUBJECT: RENEWED GDR PROTEST TO SENAT

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1. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND OF APRIL 27 REPORTS THAT THE GDR MFA HAS AGAIN PROTESTED AGAINST WEST BERLIN ACTIONS IN VIOLATION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND DEMANDED THAT THE WEST BERLIN SENAT TAKE STEPS TO END ATTACKS ON THE BERLIN S-BAHN. IN A MEETING ON APRIL 26 WITH WEST BERLIN SENAT COUNSELOR KUNZE, GDR REPRESENTATIVE MITDANK REPORTEDLY STRONGLY PROTESTED AGAINST THE "INCREASING VIOLATIONS" OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT BY WHICH ILLEGAL ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO TREAT WEST BERLIN AS A "LAND" OF THE FRG AND TO INCLUDE WEST BERLIN IN THE "SPHERE OF THE SO-CALLED EUROPEAN COMMUNITY." IN ADDITION TO THE "PERSISTENT PROVOCATIVE ATTACKS AGAINST THE GDR FRONTIER," MITDANK ALSO AGAIN PROTESTED "AGAINST
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THE RECENT ATTACKS ON THE S-BAHN IN WEST BERLIN WHICH ENDANGER THE LIVES AND WELL BEING OF THE PASSENGERS AND CAUSE DAMAGE TO PROPERTY." THE REPORT CONCLUDES THAT "THE WEST BERLIN SENAT WAS CALLED UPON AS PART OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND TREATY OBLIGATIONS TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS DIRECTED AGAINST THE

GDR."

2. COMMENT: THIS OFFICIAL PROTEST IS CLEARLY PART
OF A SYSTEMATIC AND CONCERTED GDR CAMPAIGN ON THE BERLIN
ISSUE. THE TIMING OF THIS CURRENT FLURRY OF PROTESTS
AND PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS MAY BE RELATED TO THE IMPENDING
BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN AND INTENDED TO "SOFTEN UP"
BONN ON THE BERLIN QUESTION. BY GOING ON THE RECORD
PUBLICLY IN THIS MATTER THE GDR MAY HOPE TO STRENGTHEN
BREZHNEV'S HAND VIS-A-VIS THE BONN GOVERNMENT BY
SHOWING A TOUGH, UNCOMPROMISING STANCE ON BERLIN.
END COMMENT. BOLEN

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